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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today to let you know that I support DoE's preferred alternative in the draft environmental impact statement and land use plan, but I would like to see much more and better protection of all natural and sensitive lands within the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

The DoE should include within the national wildlife refuge all of the public lands on the Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach especially its islands, the McGee Ranch, and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve.

I would like to see the DoE proceed immediately with a separate Record of Decision in order to establish the national wildlife refuge, and protect these special places and natural values in the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

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Sincerely,

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cc: Sen. Patty Murray